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Subject: Tuesday News from MDE 102511

Hope you had a good weekend. As a State employee, I know I am not supposed to "take sides," but I am a Michigan State Spartan so I had a great weekend!! Enough football talk, here is what's new:

- 1) Team Nutrition Training - Please join the Michigan Departments of Community Health and Education, Michigan Team Nutrition, and United Dairy Industry of Michigan for the Michigan Nutrition Standards Toolkit Training: Team Up to Make Healthy the Easy Choice. Trainings will feature Dayle Hayes, an award winning author, educator and nutrition coach, as well as Chef Dave McNamera. They are free of charge and will take place from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with breakfast and lunch included. Participants will also receive a binder of resources to take with them after the training.

Registration is required. Space is limited so register now at

www.michigan.gov/nutritionstandards.

Choose the location most convenient to you:

November 7, 2011 - Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids

November 8, 2011 - Oakland Schools, Waterford

November 9, 2011 - Winding Brook Conference Center, Shepherd

November 9, 2011 - Live Stream Web Video (Preference will be given to participants from the Upper Peninsula)

November 11, 2011 - Grand Traverse Resort, Acme

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- 2) Procurement - While I realize most of you work with one of the consortia, it is still important to properly procure needed products or equipment. Here is information on a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) webinar that you may find interesting: It is from USDA's FNS and is free and open to the public. Topic 2--"How Procurement Works: Planning, Executing, and Administering a Competitive Procurement" provides detailed information about each stage of the procurement process for the Child Nutrition Programs. For more information, including registration, visit the USDA Farm to School Team's policy webpage at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/F2S/f2spolicy.htm>. Click on USDA Online Procurement Training.
- 3) Farm to School Month Information -
 - a. The National Farm to School Network and Annie's Root 4 Kids will be giving away \$1,000 to three winning Farm to School programs in celebration of the first National Farm to School Month! Download the full contest rules and submission

guidelines for more information at the following link:

<http://www.farmtoschoolmonth.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Poster-Contest-FINAL.pdf>. The deadline is October 31. Feel free to use the language in the For Your Information section.

- b. Check out the new designs added to the Farm to School Month Shop last week at <http://www.printfection.com/Farmtoschoolmonth>.
 - c. Please continue to share your Farm to School Month activities with the Network folks. Send event details (before or after they occur!) to info@nationalfarmtoschoolmonth.org.
 - d. National Public Radio (NPR) - NPR is on the hunt for "a story of a stand-out school lunch leader we should know about? Or a unique local supply chain in your district?" Please share your tale with the NPR folks at thesalt@npr.org. The original blog post and news stories can be found at the following link: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2011/10/12/141264343/supply-labor-money-keys-to-getting-more-local-food-into-schools?sc=fb&cc=fp>
 - e. October is National Farm to School Month – Visit <http://www.farmtoschoolmonth.org> for details.
- 4) Two Lists – Two Responses – Yes I know you are all busy but I know we can do better than this. Last week I asked for feedback on successful promotions you have run at your school and what roadblocks or barriers you face from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to more effectively operate your programs. I received ONE response related to each question. Having been around for a long while, I know many districts have run many successful promotions. And in my short time at MDE, I know there are concerns in the field. Anyhow, any additions to my lists of one will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance!!
- 5) Paid Price Equity and Non-program Funds – We just received some information on the Paid Lunch Price Equity and Non-program funds portion of the Act that we will let you know more about in the near future. For now, I will just say that if you should have raised your prices or found non-federal revenue sources to pay for not raising pricings according to the Paid Lunch Equity tool, http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/pletool_355770_7.xls, it will be best if you raise prices as soon as possible. As I have stated before, good faith efforts based on our early guidance or by using the later guidance from USDA will be acceptable for this school year.

That is it for another week. Have a creepy, scary, fun-filled Halloween!!

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